## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

MELISSA BUCK; CHAD BUCK; SHAMBER FLORE; ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

No. 1:19-cy-00286

Plaintiffs,

HON. ROBERT J. JONKER

v.

MAG. PHILLIP J. GREEN

ELIZABETH HERTEL, in her official capacity as the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; DEMETRIUS STARLING, in his official capacity as the Executive Director of the Michigan Children's Services Agency; DANA NESSEL, in her official capacity as Michigan Attorney General; XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

STATUS UPDATE

Defendants.<sup>1</sup>

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## STATUS UPDATE

By Stipulated Order, dated August 13, 2021 (ECF No. 107), the Court ordered Plaintiffs and State Defendants to provide the Court with an update within 30 days on the status of their discussions to resolve this matter.

Plaintiffs and State Defendants have made progress in their attempt to resolve this matter without further litigation and motion practice. Plaintiffs and State Defendants agree to continue their discussions over the next thirty days. On or before October 12, 2021, Plaintiffs and State Defendants will provide the Court with an additional update on the status of their discussions.

Date: September 10, 2021 /s/ Lori Windham

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